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The Honorable Guy M. Gillette, Counsel
Subcommittee on Government Employees' Security Program
Committee on Post Office and Civil Service
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Senator Gillette:

I have given considerable thought to your request dated July 7, 1955, for information concerning the estimated cost to the Central Intelligence Agency of the security processing of personnel pursuant to Executive Order 10450, and feel that as an aid to your Committee I can provide you with certain information which would be consistent with my responsibility as Director of Central Intelligence.

In this connection I would like to first point out that the issuance of Executive Order 10450 necessitated no additional cost to this Agency since we have always required investigations and appraisals of applicants and employees under our own security standards and procedures which are at least equivalent to those established by Executive Order 10450.

Insofar as administrative, adjudicative, and investigative expenses are concerned, it costs approximately \$177.25 to process an average employee case pursuant to Executive Order 10450. Cases of non-governmental employees are investigated for approximately \$140.12 for individuals requiring Top Secret clearance and \$15.58 for those requiring less than Top Secret clearance.

External investigative costs of this Agency were limited during Fiscal Year 1955 to reimbursements to the Civil Service Commission at an average cost per case of \$239.38 for certain investigations conducted by them. These investigations were

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limited to cases where time and security permitted and involved only investigations of char and guard force personnel employed by the General Services Administration and assigned to buildings occupied by the Central Intelligence Agency.

With respect to costs attributable to the military, I would like to advise that this category is not applicable to this Agency since we have no military personnel assigned to the security program.

The only other expense incurred in connection with the processing of cases pursuant to Executive Order 10450 which you might consider applicable is the cost of the operation of the polygraph program which is applied on a restrictive basis in the Agency due to the particular sensitivity of our operations. However, since at your request you have been briefed concerning our polygraph program and since I do not consider the use of the polygraph as being a requirement of Executive Order 10450, I am not including information concerning it as being pertinent to your inquiry.

If I can be of any further assistance in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

~~SECRET~~
Allen W. Dulles
Director

*Dispatched
via SOPS*

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE DIRECTOR

The attached correspondence has been prepared for your signature in reply to an inquiry by the Senate Subcommittee on Government Employees' Security Program.

Subcommittee Counsel, ex-Senator Gillette, writing for the Subcommittee, requested specific information concerning estimated investigative costs incurred by our staff and by any external sources used in Agency security investigations. Appropriate answers have been incorporated in the proposed correspondence and should satisfy the Subcommittee without compromising Agency security.

I recommend your signature on the attached letter to Senator Gillette.

Deputy Director
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